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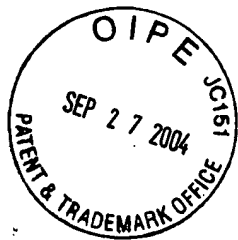
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Date: **September 22, 2004**



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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant forms (PTO/SB/08A&B) (4 pages).

Some of the cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a Search Report dated August 5, 2004, in European patent application No. 04009408.8, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that Search Report is enclosed, as are copies of the cited references, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

Consistent with current practice, a copy of the cited U.S. patent application publication has been omitted.

Applicants also enclose references that were cited in the Specification filed on April 20, 1004, and the Examiner is also respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

For the Examiner's convenience, English machine translations of the cited Japanese Laid-Open patent applications are also enclosed.

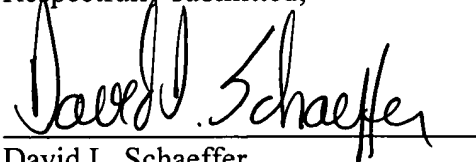
It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A&B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action, and so this Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees now due in connection with this paper, as well as any fees hereafter due in connection with any other papers, to deposit account no. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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		JP-2002-234192-A	08-20-2002	Seiko Epson Corp.	w/English Transl.	X
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